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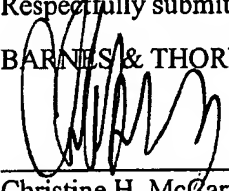
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Sir:

In accordance with the Notice of Allowance mailed September 24, 2008 for the above-identified application, enclosed herewith please find two (2) Replacement Sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-4). No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Barnes & Thornburg LLP Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (967/44780).

Respectfully submitted,  
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